# Appeal/Waiver Request

CC Docket # 02-6

Applicant Name: Baton Rouge University Preparatory

Entity Number: **16076612** Funding Year: 2017/18

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

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#### APPLICANT INFORMATION

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Applicant Name: Baton Rouge University Preparatory

BEN: 16076612 Application #: 171048846

"Funding Year 2017 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of window Letter"

# This is a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the Filing Window for Baton Rouge University Preparatory

# Waiver/Appeal Request:

Funding Year 2017 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of window Letter

Form 471 Information: **171048846**Form 4in a Progress Number (a):

Funding Request Number(s):

**FRN**: 1799111612

TOTAL Dollar Amount Requested: \$9400.00 <u>Certification Date:</u> 05/12/2017 00:29 EDT

Service Provider Name: To be listed at end of document

Service Provider Identification Number: To be listed at end of document

#### Reason for Denial:

Funding Year 2017 Form 471 Postmarked Outside of Window

### **Certification Date:** 05/12/2017 00:29 EDT

## **Rationale for Request:**

During the "eRate filling window", The school was advised that they would be relocating to a new site by the Louisiana Department of Education but was not able to secure confirmation of an address until April 2017 which delayed E-rate procurement. The school was part of a consortium and was leaving the consortium as a result of the move. Due to inefficiencies with the Schools and Libraries Web Portal (EPC) the school was unable to file the 471 in a timely manner. The schools profile is still being corrected due to these issues. The school has numerous customers service tickets address problems that prevented the school from filing its application. The users were timed out and ejected from the portal several times and the processing time of the portal had slowed to a point the it was nearly impossible to process form 471's

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o Form 471 171048846 Certification Date 05/12/2017 00:31 EDT

Past FCC Ruling FCC DA 12-1469 September 14, 2012

The Order and Order on Reconsideration reviewed 39 requests from petitioners seeking review of decisions made by USAC under the eRate program. These petitioners were seeking waivers on the Form 471 filing window deadline.

The requests were granted for those schools within 14 days after the filing window deadline.

Justification was sited on past FCC Rules specifically File Nos. SLD-487009, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline or filed their Form 471 on time, but failed to timely file their certifications); Also, the following order or docket #s: CC Docket NO. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC red 354.

Form 471s and Associated FRNs with Vendors Effected:

471: 171048846

FRN: 1799111602 Service Provider Name: ICT SPIN 143019788

This request is made on behalf of the Billed Entity for a Waiver/appeal to be granted. By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC could be directed to review Baton Rouge University Preparatory application for funding during the Funding Year 2017.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

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